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Base leaders salute the arrival of Charleston AFB's newest C-17, despite the rain and dreary weather Tuesday. The aircraft was delivered from Long Beach, Calif., by Lt. Gen. John Baker, Air Mobility Command vice commander.

## AMC vice commander delivers C-17

STORY AND PHOTO BY  
STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER  
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The vice commander of Air Mobility Command delivered Charleston AFB's newest C-17 Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. John Baker brought in the newest aircraft, bringing the total number of C-17s at CAFB to 45.

Baker spent time at the Boeing facility in Long Beach, Calif., before delivering the aircraft. He said he was impressed with the factory environment there.

The automation of factory work in Long Beach makes the process of turning out aircraft a lot smoother from what he noticed the last time he visited an aircraft production

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## New technology makes computers more secure

BY MASTER SGT. DARYL MAYER  
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Charleston AFB is about to experience technology at its best as it jumps to complete phase one of the new Public Key Infrastructure.

PKI uses technology that enables numerous applications such as medium grade service, commonly known as MGS secure e-mail. This application allows everyday unclassified e-mail traffic to be digitally signed and encrypted.

The current e-mail system has some serious flaws, said Chuck Courtney from the Air Force PKI Awareness and Training Office.

"When you receive an e-mail, you really don't know if it actually comes from the person who sent it," he said. "You also can't be sure that

someone didn't alter the content of the original message and then forward it."

These are serious problems, especially when dealing with official correspondence, he said.

For instance, if a commander issues a new policy letter, people can see from the signature on the paper, and thus believe with a degree of certainty, that the information is genuine.

That is the knock against current e-mail systems and one of the stumbling blocks for the move to a paperless Air Force, Courtney said.

While it might seem that e-mail is the ideal medium to replace paper correspondence, the necessary security has not been possible, until now. With MGS secure e-mail, this same commander can type the new policy in an e-mail, digitally sign it and send it to every person in the

unit. The process that enables this might seem complicated but it is actually quite simple.

The new identification card being issued throughout the Air Force, commonly referred to as a common access card, uses integrated circuit chips and other means to store information on the card itself.

Once a new message is composed, users insert their cards into a special card reader installed on their computers, enter their personal identification number and click the appropriate icon for digital signature or encryption. Once encrypted, only the intended recipient can decipher and read the e-mail, effectively allowing two people to communicate securely.

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Warrior spirit: Everyone, every day – anticipating and preparing for future missions

## COMMENTARY

# Commander's Comments

BY COL. BROOKS BASH  
437AW COMMANDER

### Praise for Team Charleston

At last week's Airlift Tanker Association Convention in Nashville, Tenn., Gen. John Jumper, U.S. Air Force chief of staff, and Gen. John Handy, commander of Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command, gave high praise to the Air Force's mobility professionals—all of you—who are doing an unbelievable job of meeting a broad range of worldwide taskings.

Whether you are an active-duty member carrying out your daily mission, a reservist stepping into the gap, a family member supporting your military member, or a retiree maintaining community support, I want to echo their thanks to you for your role in prosecuting the war on terrorism. We need to stay focused on training and equipping ourselves to continue this war on any front.

### Inspections

We have inspectors visiting us this week and next to validate our readiness to carry out our mission. The Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation and the Air Transportation Standardization/Evaluation visit began Tuesday, and the team will brief the results Nov. 22. The ASEV focuses on aircrew performance, standardization/evaluation programs, aircrew training programs and a number of special interest items. The ATSEV evaluates air transportation readiness. The program provides a common, "back-to-basics" approach to training and the tools to train and evaluate aerial port processes to one AMC-wide standard with the expectation for safer, more efficient operations.

### AMC vice commander visit

This week Lt. Gen. John Baker, AMC vice commander, delivered our newest C-17, and stayed to visit the base. I appreciate the efforts of the project officer, **Maj. Doug Bugado**, and everyone else who contributed to the success of the visit. Gen. Baker's final official act here was to officiate at the retirement ceremony for **Lt. Col. Ed Memi**, chief of public affairs. Godspeed to Lt. Col. Memi, and thank you for a job well done.

### Distinguished visitor

On Monday, we welcome Gen. Richard Wolsztyński, chief of staff for France's air force, as he makes a stop here for C-17 familiarization and to receive AMC briefings. Thanks to those of you who are working to make that important visit go well.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Smith

**Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, signs the Great American Smokeout Proclamation, urging smokers to quit Thursday, at least for the day. Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton, NCOIC of the Health and Wellness Center, is one of the event's organizers.**

### Native American Heritage

The Native American Heritage picnic is today, and I look forward to seeing you out there. Even if you did not buy a ticket to eat, you are welcome to stop by the base picnic area today, 3 - 6 p.m., to hear the guest speaker, retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Ray Littleturtle, who served on the North Carolina Commission of Native American Affairs. You can also see native grass dancing, and browse the museum exhibit.

### Turkey Trot/Smokeout fun run

I hope many of you will join me at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, in front of the Fitness and Sports Center for the 5K Turkey Trot/Smokeout fun run. Contrary to what the name may seem to imply, you do not have to be a turkey, a smoker or even a runner to enjoy a good time. There is a free T-shirt in the deal for all runners and walkers, and there will also be a drawing for turkey giveaways following the race.

### Outstanding performers

I continue to be impressed with the caliber of airmen and civilians I meet every day around the base. This week I presented wing coins to our outstanding performers from last month's MOBEX: **Tech. Sgt. Sandra I. Quinones**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron; **John Walke**, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group; **Master Sgt. Kenneth Roach**, 437 MDG; **Staff Sgt. Chris Osborn**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Jason Creech**, 437 AMXS; and **Tech. Sgt. Kathy Rawson**, 437 AMXS.

Keep up the good work, and be safe out there!

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# Military families boost morale overseas

By Lt. Col. Don Shaffer  
17 AS Commander

It's great to be back. I recently returned from a 100-day deployment to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, where I had the pleasure of serving as the Commander of our 817<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

I say "our" because the operation is mostly comprised of Team Charleston personnel. We put in many long hours making sure the missions got off the ground, and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing our young aerial porters, maintainers and crews make the impossible seem routine on a daily basis.

I could point to many things that made the deployment memorable, but the one thing that clearly stood out was the remarkable support we received from our families back home and the impact it had on the attitude and morale of the troops.

As you may know, November is Military Family Month. The Air Force chose to dedicate this month to recognize the importance of military families and the impact they have on our ability to accomplish our mission.

I've seen it first hand, and I'd like to take

## worth repeating

... the one thing that clearly stood out was the remarkable support we received from our families ...

—Lt. Col. Don Shaffer  
17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron commander

this opportunity to say thank you! Not a day went by when we weren't receiving a "care package" from home.

From small boxes of "goodies" to books, magazines, newspapers and greeting cards, packages from home were always a highlight of the day.

One great example of how our homefront reached out to support our folks was what we called operation "Cookie Drop." The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group spouses took time to make up the biggest care package I've ever seen. They baked, wrapped and boxed up literally hundreds of dozens of cookies, muffins, and brownies and sent them to us to distribute to our deployed troops.

The cookies were the hit of the month. We passed them around to all of our people

at Rhein Main and sent boxes to the deployed Charleston folks in Turkey, Afghanistan, and the Persian Gulf.

I want to thank all of the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group spouses who participated, especially Kathye DeLuca and Jane Holba for orchestrating the effort. It must have taken a ton of work to make the dozens of individual packages and put it all together. It was a huge success and a real pick-me-up for everyone at a time when we were in the middle of a heavy surge in our operations tempo. I even received e-mails from Bagram AB, Afghanistan, saying thank you.

Efforts such as these make all the difference in the world when you're deployed. It is amazing how something as seemingly insignificant as small bag of gift-wrapped, homemade cookies or a package of someone's favorite candy from home can make a great impact on the spirit of our young people making things happen on the front lines.

So when you are at home thinking of your loved ones on the road, know that you are immensely appreciated, and we couldn't do what we do without your unwavering support back here.

## Wing commander answers NCOs', airmen's questions

**Editor's note:** These are answers to questions raised during recent NCOs' and Airmen's Luncheons. The remainder of the questions and answers will be published in the next edition of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

**Q: Can we get more dormitories for airmen?**

**A:** Yes, we have two 144-person dorms scheduled for construction in fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2008. The fiscal 2004 dorm has already been approved for funding.

**Q: Can we get cameras installed in the dormitories (dayrooms and hallways) to bring down the vandalism?**

**A:** Cameras installed in the dormitories are not the answer to vandalism, and they would be an invasion of privacy for troops who live in the dorms. A better solution to vandalism is for the dorm managers, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron and (most importantly)

the dorm residents to work together to solve this problem.

**Q: Can the Fitness and Sports Center remain open 24 hours a day?**

**A:** I applaud any and all efforts to maintain physical fitness. Regretfully, the manning necessary to operate the fitness center around-the-clock is not available. The current hours of operation at the fitness center are based on manpower authorizations and customer participation. The fitness center may be able to assist units with shift workers in establishing a workout area in their break rooms. Contact Steve Parrish, Fitness and Sports Director, at 963-3347 if your unit is interested.

**Q: Can more aerobics/cardio classes be added at the fitness center in the evenings during the workweek?**

**A:** Yes. The fitness center is currently undergoing renovations to accommodate additional aero-

bics and weight training programs. New indoor cycling classes should begin in late November, and the Fitness and Sports Center plans to offer early morning, noon and evening cycling and aerobics classes once the new construction is completed in January 2003.

**Q: How do we get an incentive flight?**

**A:** Each month a different group has the opportunity to reward some of their top performers with a ride on one of our C-17 Globemaster III airplanes. The group commander submits a list of approximately 10 people for approval on the incentive flight. The flight usually involves in-flight aerial refueling and some fantastic views of the Charleston area. If you are interested, please let your chain of command know through your attitude and job performance.

**Q: How can I get an assignment out of Charleston? I feel**

**as if I am "stuck" here after my last PCS.**

**A:** There are several reasons why people may feel "stuck" at their current duty location. The enlisted assignment system is driven by overseas assignments. Overseas job openings are advertised quarterly via the Air Force Personnel Center Equal List. Those who volunteer for overseas have first priority. CONUS to CONUS assignments are not normally given unless you apply for a special duty (Equal Plus), Base of Preference or other similar assignment. Minimum time-on-station requirements to PCS for first-term airmen are 12 months for overseas and 24 months for stateside. For career airmen, this requirement changes to 24 months overseas and 36 months stateside. For further information about different assignment programs, please contact the 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron Outbound Assignments section at 963-4556.

## IN THE NEWS



Airman Kimberly Vallance, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, uses new, standardized hand signals to direct traffic coming in the Rivers Avenue Gate. Members of the 437 SFS Gate Guard section also wear distinctive uniforms.

# SFS creates gate guard section, changes procedures, uniforms

STORY AND PHOTO BY STAFF SGT.  
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437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The members of the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron who spend their days and nights guarding the gates are sporting new gear and new hand signals in an effort to standardize gate procedures throughout the Air Force.

New to the gate guard uniform is the required black ascot with an Air Mobility Command patch, according to Staff Sgt. Sandy Simmons, 437 SFS Police Services NCOIC. Gate guards also wear patent-leather web-gear, arranged in a uniform manner, and patent leather boots.

Another big change is in the hand and arm signals gate guards use, according to Simmons.

"In the past, everyone had their own different way of directing traf-

fic at the gate," Simmons said. "But now, it's consistent. The idea is if you come to the base today and come back five months from now, you'll know what the hand and arm signals mean and how you're expected to respond to them."

So far, response to the program has been varied Simmons said.

"Like everything new, people didn't know what to think of it at first, but they're warming up to it," Simmons said of the gate guards. "There's been a really positive response from the public."

Gate guards now work permanent gates on 12-hour shifts, according to Simmons. They work three days on, have two days off, work two days on then have three days off.

The schedule isn't as easy as it appears, considering the hours gate guards work and the elements they work in, according to Simmons.

## ALS class 03-A graduates Nov. 6

### Contracting squadron airman earns Levitow

Senior Airman Jesse Hardy III, 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron, earned the Sgt. John L. Levitow award during Airman Leadership School class 03-A and was presented with these honors at a graduation dinner Nov. 6 at the Charleston Club.

Senior Airman Carl Macauley, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron, received the Academic Achievement Award.

Senior Airmen Beth Frase, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, Bethann Hunt, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron, and Ryan Thompson, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, received Distinguished Graduate awards.

The Leadership Award went to Gregory Gordon, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

The guest speaker was 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. James Roy.

Graduates from the five-week course also include the following senior airmen:

- 1 CTCS: Vanessa Pascual
- 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron: Jason Hodges
- 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron: Loraine Valtr, Renee Morales
- 437<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Dental Squadron: Melanie Berry
- 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:

Walter Giddens, Benjamin Massarelli, Matt Carman, Robert King

437 APS: Lowell Pointer, Nicholas Mizzoni

437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron: Brandon Alexander, GyJuan Winslow

437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron: Dwayne Norman

437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron: David McGill

437 LRS: Mathew Fortune, Steven Paul, Jason Bailie

437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron: Christopher Ruiz

437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron: Adrianna Thompson

437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron: Andrew Davis, Aaron Hainor, Paul Kinsey, Lance Moon, Samuel DeMaggio, Michael Sottile

437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron: Michael Morris

437 SFS: Timothy Bertrand

Detachment 3 (Navy Brig): Travis Corriveau

437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron: Marcus R. Darnell

(Information submitted by the Charleston AFB Airman Leadership School Staff.)

## PKI

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The PKI system is implemented in phases, said Master Sgt. Wayne Snyder, 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron Planning and Implementation superintendent. The first phase, issuing the new card, is ongoing.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight can only issue 50 new identification cards per week, according to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Renee Zimmerman, 437 MSS chief of MPF Customer Service. Until this allotment increases, it will be slow going.

While the first phase is ongoing, the 437 CS will begin the second phase. Under phase two, work center work group managers across the base will install card readers and software on all computers with .mil domains.

The 437 CS has been working this issue for months, Snyder said. The PKI system will allow people to access their e-mail and digitally sign it. Using the PKI system will allow for a higher level of communications security Air Force wide.

"The success of this program relies on cooperation and communication across the Air Force," said Zimmerman. "It is important that we all work together to make the implementation of this new way of doing business painless, since it will have an impact on our daily operations."

(2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)

# Buckle up for life or pay the price

Most auto crashes occur close to home, according to a recently released survey by Progressive Auto Insurance.

Fifty-two percent of reported crashes occurred five miles or less from home, and 77 percent occurred 15 miles or less from home, according to the survey of 11,000 people who reported a crash to Progressive in 2001.

Crashes were more than twice as likely to take place one mile from home than 20 miles from home, and only one percent of reported crashes took place 50 miles from home.

The results counter the argument from many part-time seat belt users, especially those 16 to 34 years old, that they don't need to buckle up for short trips because they think a crash is less likely to occur near home.

- Car crashes are the number one cause of death for people ages one to 44

- Every 12 minutes, someone is killed in a vehicle accident

- Seat belts reduce deaths by up to 75 percent and reduce serious injuries by up to 66 percent

- More than 25,000 lives have been saved by seat belts in the last 10 years

*(Information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site, [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).)*

## BAKER

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plant 10-12 years ago, Baker said.

Baker also answered some questions many Team Charleston members have on their minds regarding operations tempo and Aerospace Expeditionary Forces deployments.

"There's really no short-term solution as long as we're stretched as we are, particularly on the combat support side," Baker said.

Baker attends AEF Forum meetings about every 10 weeks, he said, and longer AEF rotations is a topic they are trying to address.

"At those meetings we discuss and update the most stressed career fields to find 90-120 days of continuous TDY," Baker said. "We also look at a rolling 12 months to see how many days people have been gone for the last 12 months. The solution is to put more people in those stressed career fields."

The Air Force diverted 1,000 airmen out of basic training to fill those stressed fields, Baker said. Next year, that number will increase by 2,400 over what was originally planned.

"The problem is it takes a lot of time to get those people trained and deployable," Baker said. "That's why I say it's a long-term solution. It'll be at least a year and a half before those people are really able to be deployed."

That year and a half is used for basic training, technical school training, on-the-job train-

ing and the awarding of a three level, Baker said.

The number of people in deployable positions is also being increased, he said.

"We have a lot of people out there who would like to go, but don't count against a (unit type code)," Baker said. "As a result, they don't get the equipment and training to be deployable. We're going to fix all that as well."

"There are a lot of five-level folks out there in certain career fields that we need to put on mobility orders," Baker continued. "Give them the training, give them the equipment so they are available and can deploy. The more people that are deployable, the better of we are, and that reduces the stress."

In the short term, Baker said wing commanders and the wing support structure need to have programs in place to help airmen and their families deal with the high tempo of operations.

Family Support Center programs, like free e-mail and phone calls, children's programs and other programs are "... critically important, particularly as we continue to have to keep people gone for more than 120 days at a time," Baker said.

Longer AEF rotations aren't going away, Baker said.

"The world really has changed, and the Air Force has to change with it," Baker said.

During the Cold War, most of the Air Force

would deploy only if World War III started, according to Baker. There were a lot of bases overseas, and the people stationed there would fight in place.

"That's all changed now," Baker said. "We brought most of our forces that were in Europe home, so now we deploy to hot spots around the world. We are much more in the expeditionary mindset. We need to think and breathe mobility operations and be prepared to deploy to very interesting places around the world."

Families need to be aware of this as well, Baker said, so they're not surprised when their military member is called to go on a moment's notice.

The Total Force concept, a melding of active-duty, Guard and Reserve forces, will also continue to be a major part of expeditionary operations, because the Air Force, like the other services is much smaller than it used to be, Baker said.

"I want to tell everybody how proud they should be of what we do," Baker said.

Gen. Tommy Franks, U.S. Central Command commander, and Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, recently attended the Airlift Tanker Association Convention, Baker said.

"They both came for one purpose and one purpose only in my view, and that was to tell AMC how proud they are of the job our people have done the last 13 months," Baker said. "That means a lot."

## Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Leonard, 1 CTCS

### Push it

**Air Force Security Forces observers perform afternoon push-ups during Exercise Mighty Guardian V at the Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga., Sept. 30. The exercise allows personnel to develop and test procedures to ensure the safety and security of U.S. military resources.**

# Great American Smokeout helps CAFB kick butts

By **STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER**  
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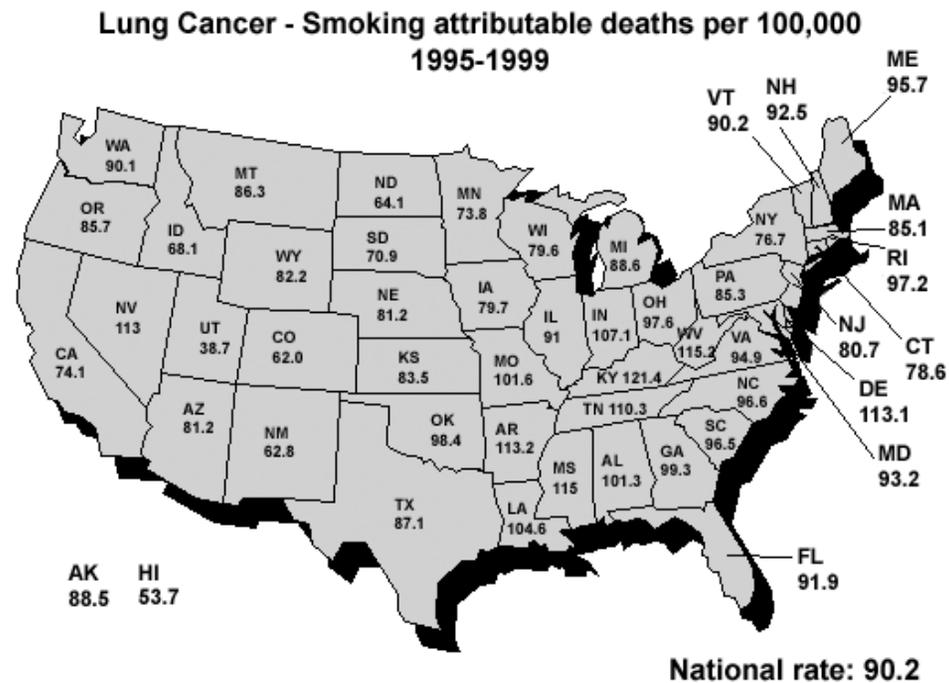
Team Charleston is gearing up for the Great American Smokeout Nov. 21.

The Great American Smokeout is an annual, nationally recognized day when the American Cancer Society asks smokers to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco and any other tobacco products because they all have the potential to cause cancer and other major illnesses, according to Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton, Health and Wellness Center NCOIC.

In honor of the event, Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, signed a proclamation urging all cigarette smokers and smokeless tobacco users on Charleston AFB to demonstrate to themselves and their friends that they can quit for the day.

For the Great American Smokeout, the HAWC is sponsoring "Adopt a Smoker," according to Clayton.

"This is where non-smokers will adopt smokers to help them remain



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Barry Grant today, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Veronica Parnell at 963-6257.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operation Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Michael Leies Nov. 22, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Susan Barnes at 963-5776.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Daniel Moran Nov. 26, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Matt Harless at 963-8004.

## Around the base

**Golf:** The 437<sup>th</sup> and 315<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group Annual Golf Tournament will take place today, 8:30 a.m., at Wrenwoods Golf Course. Entry fee is \$17 plus green fees, and check-in will begin at 7 a.m. Sign up at the Wrenwoods Pro Shop or call Master Sgt. Dan Wright at 963-5956, or Tech. Sgt. Jeff Crawford at 963-2326.

**Hair:** The BX Beauty Salon will hold a Locks of Love hair drive through Saturday to make wigs for those who have lost their hair due to illnesses. Hair must be at least 10 inches in length to receive a free hair cut. They will be accepting walk-ins or by appointment. For more information, call 552-0812.

**Flu shots:** Flu shots will be available for active-duty members with their shot records Monday, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Base Theater.

**Closure:** The intersection at the corner of Stewart and Graves Avenues will be closed Monday, 7 a.m., until Nov. 29. This closure will primarily affect personnel who work

**Correction:** Family Nights are every Thursday at the Charleston Club, not every Tuesday. For more information, call Pat Simpson at 963-3914.

## Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Senior Airman Kevin Hammer

### Staff Sgt. Thomas Smith 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Thomas Smith is a member of the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. Smith is currently deployed as a member of the 64<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group, Doha AB, Qatar, where he works as an explosive ordnance disposal craftsman.

"The major difference about my job is at Charleston we train everyday to be ready to deploy," said Smith. "Now, I'm deployed and doing the job I've trained 12 years to do."

Even though Smith is in a career field where they are gone 120 days a year without any major deployments, he said deployments are always hard.

"The hardest thing about being deployed is missing your family, especially around the holidays," said Smith. "But, I have a wonderful and understanding wife and she is behind me 100 percent, and that makes deploying much easier to deal with."

Overall, Smith said he has a firm grasp on how important his job is overseas.

"I knew when I joined the military that these were some of the sacrifices I'd have to make in my life," said Smith. "Better men than I have endured much harder circumstances and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this great country. Being separated from my family and living in a tent for a few months is a small price to pay for the freedoms we hold so dearly."

in buildings 705 and 707, who should now use Davis Drive to enter the back end of their parking lot.

**Toys:** The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and the Law Riders Motor Cycle Club is holding the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Toy Ride to benefit Lowcountry children Sunday. Registration will be 10 a.m.-noon at the North Charleston Coliseum with a cost of \$10 for those not bearing toys, or \$5 and one unwrapped toy. The ride is free for passengers bearing one wrapped new toy. The ride will begin at noon. For more information, call the Marine Corps Reserve at 743-2221.

The Hunter Haven is also sponsoring the Annual Celebrity Sporting Clays, with proceeds to benefit the Toys for Tots program. The event will be held Nov. 23-24, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at Hunter Haven, located on Ashley River Road. The cost of the event is \$35 for two rounds of sporting clays with additional rounds costing \$5 each. For more information, call Paul Grooms 556-7346, or Sgt. Quentin

Witherspoon at 871-1043.

**Base hockey:** The Charleston AFB Hurricanes ice hockey team is looking for players. Tryouts will be held Monday, 11:30 a.m., and Nov. 20, 6:30 a.m., at the Carolina Ice Palace. There is a \$7 fee per player for the ice time. The next season starts in the middle of January and runs through the beginning of April. All active-duty CAFB members with full equipment are welcome to try out. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Norman Hill at 963-4675, or Staff Sgt. Jason Smith at 963-5537.

**Chiefs:** The Chiefs' Group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. All chiefs and chief-selects are invited. A representative from Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union will address the group, and lunch will be provided. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Virgil Childers at 963-2054.

**OSA:** The Officers Spouses Association will be hosting a dinner

Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Marjorie Scooler, an interior designer featured on the national HGTV network, will be giving tips on interior design and rearranging. Cost is \$16.50 for club members and \$18.50 for non-members, and reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call Donna Baker at 207-0401 by Sunday.

**Commissary:** The Commissary will be open Nov. 25 to accommodate special holiday shopping needs, but will be closed Nov. 28-29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Channel 2:** The Commander's Access Channel is an effective way to publicize events to the base populous. To submit requests for airing, e-mail 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern at shaluma.mcgovern@charleston.af.mil.

**Theft:** Anyone having knowledge of a theft of government equipment or observing suspicious activity in the vicinity of building 346 around Aug. 7 should contact Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 963-4617.

## FEATURE

# Share Holiday Cheer this Thanksgiving

## Team Charleston helps "take care of our own"

STORY AND PHOTOS BY AIRMAN STEPHANIE HAMMER  
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The holiday season is a time for giving, and some members of Team Charleston will reap the benefits of Holiday Cheer and the hard work of the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing first sergeants this Thanksgiving.

"I think it's important for all of us to help our own first," said Master Sgt. Ray Cordero, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron first sergeant and the Holiday Cheer project officer. "I remember when I was a young staff sergeant, married with two kids, and we had to receive help from the WIC (Women, Infant and Children) program to help make ends meet.

"I am pretty sure that this still holds true today, and many of our families still find themselves in this situation," he continued. "Holiday Cheer can help make a difference this Thanksgiving, and it also lets Team Charleston know we are thinking of them."

According to Cordero, each first sergeant is in charge of utilizing supervisors and superintendents to decide who may need assistance from Holiday Cheer this year.

"Sometimes, it may just be the shirts' knowledge of a person's situation that will help them decide if they need help," said

Cordero.

Aside from making monetary donations to any first sergeant, there are other ways to contribute and make a difference this holiday season.

"The first sergeants are handling the cash donation side of the house," said Cordero. "We will take any donation at anytime of the year for this cause. We are also manning tables at the BX and Commissary, and greeting people with a smile."

Cordero said another way to make a difference is to help staff the tables.

"I think it's a really great program," said Senior Airman Paul Barentine, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron assistant NCOIC of standardization and evaluation, "because it's all in-house."

Aside from collecting money and manning donation tables, Cordero said they would also take any food donations to make food baskets and send what is left over to the Family Support Center Airmen's Attic food pantry. Even children at the Youth Center have jumped in to decorate food baskets to be delivered Thanksgiving day.

"The number one goal is to provide for each family that needs help," said Cordero. "I have no doubt we will do that this year."



Picking out her next color, Darlene Bugado, daughter of Maj. Doug Bugado, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, and wife, Nadine, helps decorate boxes for Holiday Cheer.



Above: Christian Ward, son of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jason Ward, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, and wife, April, carefully draws on a box to be used for a Holiday Cheer Thanksgiving basket.

Right: Senior Airman Paul Barentine, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, collects money at a Holiday Cheer booth set up outside of the BX.



## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**  
**Office:** Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Phone:** 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

**Catholic Services:** *Saturday* - 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. *Weekdays* - 11:30 a.m. Mass. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex.

**Protestant Services:** *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 217 (old Chapel).

**Buddhist:** Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

**Orthodox:** Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

**Jewish:** Call Jewish Lay Leader, David Sirull, at 571-3264.

**Islamic:** Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

## Movie schedule

**Admission:** 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



**Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.**

**Today, 7:30 p.m.**

***"The Banger Sisters"* – Goldie Hawn**

Lavinia and Suzette, former rock groupies and best friends, reconnect after 20 years; one is still as wild as ever, while the other has adopted a more conservative lifestyle. **(R) 97 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

***"The Tuxedo"* – Jackie Chan**

Charlie is hired to chauffeur a spy, however, when the spy falls into a coma, Charlie goes to his house to gather the spy's belongings. Once there, he accidentally discovers a hi-tech, futuristic tuxedo, which he can't resist trying on. This sets off a series of events, leading to a covert mission for the U.S. government. **(PG-13) 96 minutes**

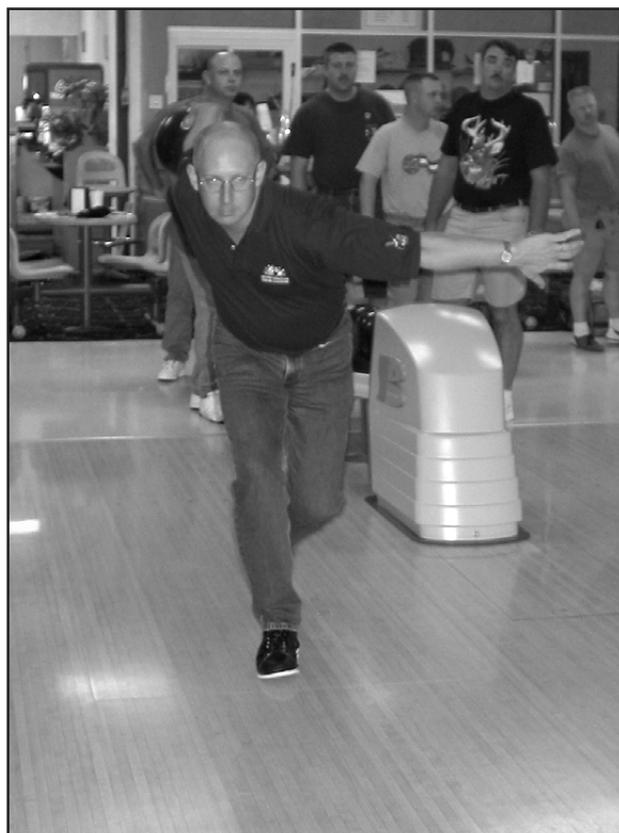
**Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.**

***"Undisputed"* – Wesley Snipes**

In the world of boxing, there's only one prize that matters, the title of undisputed champion. At Sweet Water Prison, the world heavyweight champion is about to meet his match. **(R) 90 minutes**

## SPORTS & FITNESS

# CAFB bowler scores big, bowls out competition



STORY AND PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS AMY PERRY  
437 AW/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After he laces his shoes, it's all business. The determined look of a winner comes over his face. He places his fingers in his lucky ball and sets up his shot.

Michael Ritz bowls Tuesday nights with the LRS No. 1 team at the Starlifter Lanes and recently knocked out a score of 298, giving him the highest score in the league by 20 points.

In his 23 years of playing, Ritz has bowled four 300 games, one 299 and one 298 game.

His highest three-game series, or games played the same night, was 814 out of 900.

Ritz said his parents were bowlers and got him into bowling when he was 15.

"It's something I've always enjoyed doing," said Ritz. "I enjoy the individuality of the game. In tournaments, there's no one to blame but yourself if you don't win. In team sports, you can play your best and still not win."

A mere three years of bowling was all it took before Ritz felt the 300-game glory.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," said Ritz. "The only downside was that I was bowling in a league, and my parents weren't there to see it. I wasn't trying to get a 300. I

don't think any night I come out and try to get a 300. I just come out and do the best I can."

Ritz scored the league-topping 298 three weeks ago in the last game of a three-game series, when his team wasn't doing its best. After a rough start, the competitiveness of Ritz and his teammates started coming out.

"The pins just started falling, especially in the last game" said Ritz. "Between the last two games, I had 20 strikes."

Ritz's average in the league is 217. Ritz said he also plays in a league in Goose Creek called 'Royalz,' where his average is 225.

Ritz's team is currently second in the Tuesday-night league, closely following the MXS No. 1 team. Security Forces is trailing LRS No. 1, putting them in third place.

In the Wednesday-night league, Services has charged ahead of the pack, putting second-ranked CES No. 1 16 games behind them, as of Nov. 6. In third, APS No. 2 is 15 games behind second and has some catching up to do if the team hopes to come out on top in the league.

Both Charleston AFB leagues are part of the Greater Charleston Bowling Association, and updated scores can be found at [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com). Under league standings, Tuesday night's league is ID No. 7688, and Wednesday night's ID No. is 1452.

Michael Ritz pulls back with perfect form. Ritz recently scored a 298 in Tuesday-night league play at Starlifter Lanes, giving him a 20-point lead over his closest competitor.

## Kersting brothers take top honors

BY THE SWAMI  
PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR

The duo of Edward Kersting and his brother Thomas Kersting were the best and worst of week 10 Swami action. Edward was the top pigskin picker for the week with an 11-3 record. He beat out the 11-3 records of Jeffrey Stockdale, Oscar "O-Train" Thompson, Allison "I love the Jets" Bethea and Lawrence "Stro-man" Strother by having the best tiebreaker score.

They were all close except for "Stro-man." He did not pick the tiebreaker score so the Swami helped him. The Swami gave him a big fat goose egg, meaning he missed by 44 points (that was the total score of the Monday night game). Too bad for the "Stro-man." He claimed this was his breakout week. "Close, but no cigar," said the Swami. I bet he will remember to put the tiebreaker score from now on.

The other Kersting (Thomas) was the lucky dog that had the worst record. Thomas turned in a 6-8 performance. He actually tied with Shannon Johnson, but when the Swami tallied up the picks this week, Tho-

mas was on the bottom because of the tiebreaker score. The Swami got a good laugh seeing the same last name at the top and bottom. It looks like these two brothers didn't confer on their picks.

The Swami was the only one last week who picked the tiebreaker score on the nose. Other than that, it was not a pretty week. The Swami has decided to come up with a new rule. If you pick the tiebreaker score on the nose, you automatically get credit for three extra wins. Remember, the Swami is the king, the boss, the commissioner and the know-it-all. Wait until you see the top ten list in next week's paper!

The Swami is sure you are all wondering what happened with the tie game between the Steelers and Falcons last week. Well, the nice person the Swami is, decided to give everyone a win. It's almost time for the holiday season and the Swami is in the giving mood.

Look in next weeks *Airlift Dispatch* for the top ten pickers. Don't come crying to the Swami when your name is not there. The Swami's time is up. Have a great week!

Week 12

Name/Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Nov. 24  
Tennessee @ **Baltimore**  
**Atlanta** @ Carolina  
Detroit @ **Chicago**  
**Jacksonville** @ Cowboys  
San Diego @ **Miami**  
Minnesota @ **New England**  
Cleveland @ **New Orleans**  
**Buffalo** @ New York Jets  
Cincinnati @ **Pittsburgh**  
**Green Bay** @ Tampa Bay  
**Oakland** @ Arizona  
**Kansas City** @ Seattle  
**New York Giants** @ Houston  
St. Louis @ **Washington**  
Indianapolis @ **Denver**

Monday, Nov. 25  
Philadelphia @ **San Francisco**

Monday night total points: \_\_\_\_\_  
Swami's Monday night points: **42**

Swami's picks are in bold and italics.  
Send your picks to: [Swami@charleston.af.mil](mailto:Swami@charleston.af.mil)  
Picks may be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600,  
Room 224 no later than Nov. 22, 4 p.m.